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Deaths

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jail for investigation of vehicular homicide and vehicular assault after an early morning accident on I-5. Two British Columbia women were riding without seat belts in a Nissan Pathfinder driven by the man, officials said.

Catherine H. Halliwell, 28, of Vancouver, was flown to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, but pronounced dead later in the day.

Sara Edge, 26, also of Vancouver, was transported to Cascade Valley Hospital in Arlington.

The driver, who wore a seat belt and was not injured, lost control of the car and spun left into a concrete highway barrier at Milepost 208 near Arlington, according to the State Patrol.

The impact caused the Pathfinder's rear hatch to open, ejecting the passengers who were lying down in the back, according to police reports. Halliwell was dragged for several hundred feet until the Pathfinder came to a stop.

The trio was returning from a Dave Matthews concert at The Gorge Amphitheatre in Eastern Washington, Leary said.

The cause of the accident is being investigated.

In all, troopers made about 40 drunken-driving arrests around the county between midnight Thursday and midnight Monday. While that's only a preliminary count, the arrest numbers weren't out of the ordinary, Leary said.

"We wish we had fewer than that," he said. "Those 40 people we were able to contact are 40 lives we consider saved."

A lower number would mean more people made better decisions, he said.

Leary said this weekend's crashes also highlight the importance of seat belts. Not only is it against the law to be in a moving vehicle without wearing seat belts, those not wearing them are far more likely to be ejected from a vehicle during a crash, Leary said.

Investigators already have determined that two of the four people who died in crashes in recent days were not wearing seat belts.

"Once the person leaves the vehicle, all protection around them is now lost," he said.

The Everett man, 23, who was hurt on I-5 in south Everett on Friday afternoon was partially ejected when his Chevrolet Blazer crashed and rolled. He was wearing a seat belt. He was in stable condition Tuesday.

Early reports said the driver may have been cut off by a silver car while merging onto I-5. However, the patrol has ruled out the silver car as the cause of the crash. Instead, they say the Blazer driver was traveling too fast for traffic conditions.

Officials plan to release more comprehensive traffic statistics for the Labor Day weekend on Wednesday, including drunken-driving arrests for agencies around the county. The Washington State Traffic Safety Commission was unavailable for comment Tuesday, due to the state-mandated furlough.

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Victims

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His wife told their hometown paper, The Province, that her husband jerked the wheel to the right at the last moment, turning their car so the driver's side faced the impact, sacrificing himself for her and the baby.

"He was the most amazing, warm-hearted man you would ever meet who loved his job, loved his family, and was just my rock," she told the newspaper. "I am not quite sure how I am supposed to live the rest of my life without him. He truly was a gift and I wouldn't change a thing of any of our moments together."

Wood was originally from Colorado. He sang baritone with the Espiritu Choir in North Vancouver.

On Tuesday, websites for gamers were loaded with condolence messages.

"The loss of talent that helped produce a product of that caliber is only outweighed by the loss to his family and friends," said one gamer, Bryan O'Hara, on the site GamaSutra.com.

His employer declined to comment but the company did put out a short message Tuesday. It said, in part: "Brian was the Senior Designer on the Company of Heroes franchise and a key member of the Relic family. Everyone here has a tremendous amount of respect for Brian and he will be greatly missed."

Jacob Quistorf, 25, of Oak Harbor was riding in the SUV that crashed into the Woods' wagon. He was fatally injured and trapped in the wreckage. He attended Oak Harbor High School.

Francis Malloy, 26, of Oak Harbor was sitting next to his friend, Quistorf, in the back of the SUV. Malloy graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 2002 and worked for his father's diving company, WaterWorx Dive Service, as a manager and corrosion control specialist. He was taking classes at Western Washington University in chemistry. On his MySpace page, Malloy listed his pastimes as "scuba, cooking, videography, dance, rioting, the ocean and pretty much anything else that involves moving my body."

Francis Malloy

Jacob Quistorf

Cathrine Halliwell, 28, died Monday in a one-car vehicle crash on I-5 near Arlington. She and two friends from British Columbia were heading home from a Dave Matthews Band concert in Eastern Washington.

BP to release report on Gulf oil spill today

MarketWatch

NEW YORK — BP plans to release an internal report of the Deepwater Horizon disaster this morning, even as it continues to deal the consequences of the April 20 explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

BP said the report was prepared by its internal-investigation team on the causes of the Gulf of Mexico fiasco. The accident resulted in the death of 11 workers and nearly 5 million barrels of oil spewing out of the ruptured well about 50 miles south of the Louisiana coast.

The findings also are coming as the criminal investigation of the blast continues. BP's report could lay out arguments it plans to use to defend itself in court proceedings.

The company has been mum about the cause of the disaster, although last week it issued a report on lessons learned from the accident.

In an appearance before Congress on June 17, then-BP Chief Executive Tony Hayward said the cause of the spill was unknown.

BP shut the so-called Macondo well on July 15 and has been moving ahead with plans to permanently seal it up.

Lincoln: Six months at sea

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decided whether the Lincoln will return to Everett after that.

Sean Phillips joined the Navy four years ago. Joining the military runs in the family, his mother said. Jimmie Phillips, 61, retired from the Air Force. He now works for Boeing. Julie Phillips, 58, is a nurse at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma. They both have other family members with military careers.

Aboard the ship, Sean Phillips works with the aircraft on the flight deck, Julie Phillips said. During his last deployment, Julie and Jimmie Phillips mailed him packages by the dozen, not as much for Sean as for other young sailors who didn't get mail. Candy, toiletries, fruit-scented soap for women, stacks of car and fashion magazines. Julie and Jimmie Phillips didn't think of it as a chore at all.

"It's great. We've gotten e-mails from people we never met. They are so grateful," Julie Phillips said.

Most families said goodbye at home, so the pier wasn't crowded Tuesday morning. Less than two hours remained before the Lincoln, which eventually will have more than 5,000 on board, would gently pull away from its berth.

The ship roared. A half dozen radars, big ones for weapon systems and small ones for navigation, spun in different directions. In the 2.5-acre hangar area, some sailors were busy with final preparations and others were making that last call home.

Wade Oberlin, 22, has been living on the ship for the past 10 days. He was previously stationed at the Naval Submarine Base Bangor in Silverdale, where he worked in public affairs. His job on the Lincoln is writing and taking photos for the ship's weekly newspaper, the Penny Press.

"Living on the ship means having your life compressed, with all essentials just a hallway away," he said.

Oberlin shares his sleeping quarters with 26 other people from the media department. The 1,100-foot ship is like a city, with its own ZIP code, restaurants, gyms and barbershops.

Oberlin grew up in Xenia, Ohio. He wanted to leave the Midwest and see the world, so he joined the Navy. With most of his personal belongings locked away in a storage unit, he was excited to start his first deployment.

"It's amazing that I can just leave everything behind and pick up when I come back."

Between now and then, he said he will be getting CDs with new music mixes, candy and other fun packages to keep him going.

The Lincoln will be back sometime in spring, said William Marks, a public affairs officer.

Today's technological innovations really help families communicate when the sailors are away, he said. A video conference is set up about once a month between the ship and the Navy base, where the families can talk to and see their loved ones aboard the ship.

Marks has been in the Navy for 14 years. After his stint on the Lincoln, he plans to transfer to San Diego or Washington, D.C.

"It's going to sound corny, but I truly believe in what we do," he said.

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